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Administration: During 1976-77 the post of the Director of Archives remained vacant. The charge of the post was held by the Chief Editor Gujarat District Gazetteers from 4th March to 7th July, 1976. Thereafter the charge of the Director of Archives was held by the Director of Archaeology in addition to his own duties with effect from 8th July, 1976 onwards.

A proposal of putting the district Record offices in the Saurashtra Region under the administrative control of the Department of Archives, has been submitted to Government for consideration.

Budget: For 1976-77 a sum of Rs.3,48,104/- was spent (State Archives and other Contral Record offices) out of the budget provision of Rs.3,60,000/- on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs.92,177/- was spent (State Archives only) out of the budget provision of Rs.1,00,000/- on the plan side. For 1977-78 a budget provision of Rs.1,19,000/- (State and Contral ecord offices) is made on the non-plan side.

Building: At present the office is accommodated in a rented building at Ahmedabad. The proposal for construction of a scientifically designed archival building has been submitted to the Government for administrative approval. On receipt of the same further action will be taken.

Record Management: Under the Record Management programme about 3,524 records belonging to the Princely States of Rajpipla, Sarod and Kauli Mandva, Idar and Rupal, Daria, Vadodara and Chhota Udepur were scrutinized. In addition 29,576 ferists and 27,893 files of District record offices of Rajkot and Jamnagar were also appraised. Rentention Schedule is followed while appraising the records.

Research and Reference: 13 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities and 138 queries received from various private agencies and individuals were attended to. 3,384 records were requisitioned by the research scholars.

Reference Media: The Department of Archives has been set up recently and thus the records are yet to be centralised. However the central Record office, Vadodara and Rajkot have got ferist registers which are being utilised as medao.

Publication Programme: No publication programme was undertaken during the period under review.

Preservation of Records: Nearly 13,632 pages and 2,068 files were repaired. 3,270 pages were guarded and 786 books were bound during the period under review.

Photo-Duplication: One Microfilm Reader has been purchased during 1976-77.

Library: About 5,155 books were acquired by the State as well as the Central Record Offices.

Other Activities: The Chairman (Secretary Education Department) held the High Level Team's Meeting at Ahmedabad on 18th November, 1976 in which various problems regarding the development of Archives Department and Central Record offices were discussed.

The Director attended the meeting of SWARBICA held at New Delhi and the Superintendent of Archives was deputed to attend the 45th Session of Indian Historical Records Commission.

A radio talk on the "Preservation of Archival Documents" was delivered by the Superintendent of Archives on 16th October, 1976 to create archives consciousness among the people.